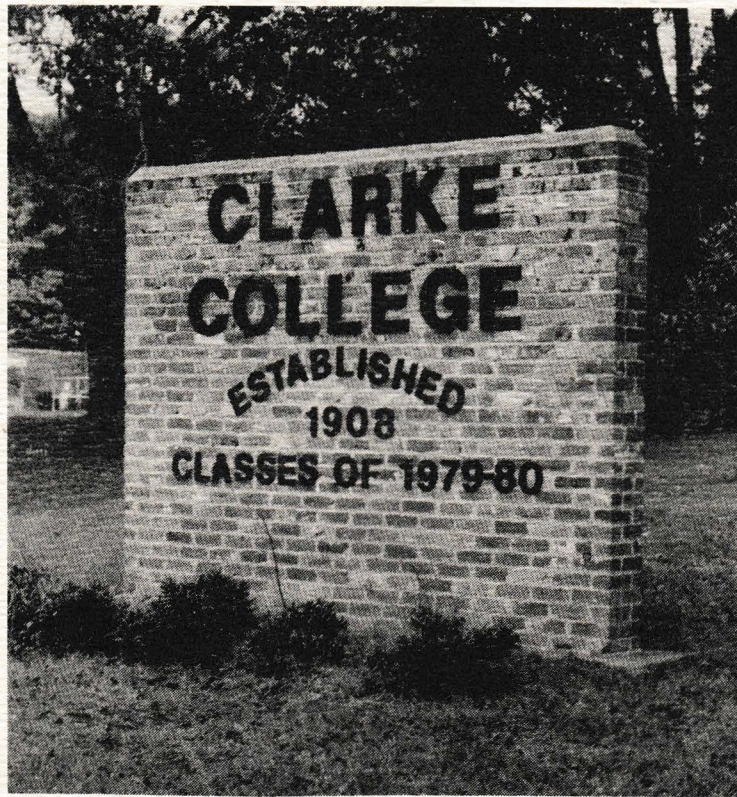


# ECHOES



from  
**Clarke College**



## From the Alumni Office

*Echoes From Clarke College* was created to be a tool of communication from Clarke college to the Alumni and Friends, and from Alumni to Alumni. Every Clarke student has made his or her contribution to the rich history of our College. We at Clarke want you to know that great things are still happening here. We also want to help you keep in touch with each other by presenting articles about Alumni and their accomplishments. You can help us in this task by writing an article about yourself and your life after leaving Clarke; give us permission to print it in *Echoes*.

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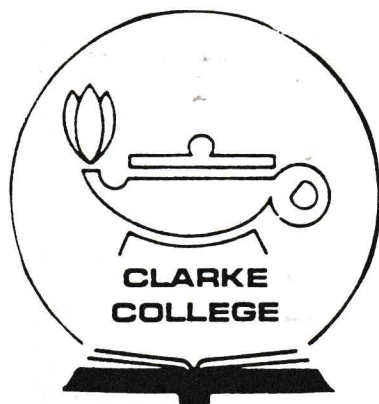
Name, Address, Educational Background, Work Experience, Honors Received, Family Members, Testimony, and Pictures.

We are looking forward to hearing from many of you.

Marian Thornton  
Alumni Director

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# How Do You Measure Success?

By Dr. Jim Read



Clarke College is in its eighty-third year of offering Christian higher education to Mississippi Baptists (the oldest junior college in Mississippi). During most of those eighty-three years, as it has been doing this academic year, Clarke has been in a struggle to survive. Clarke College has almost always had too few students, too small an endowment, and too little revenue. By the standards the secular world sets for colleges, these factors would relegate Clarke to the category of being a failure. So why do we say that Clarke College is a success in the light of these facts? We say so because of three reasons. **First, Clarke College has remained true to its founders' purpose for creating the College. Second, Clarke College has remained true to its supporting denomination's causes. Third, Clarke College has remained true to its responsibility in carrying out the Great Commission.**

Clarke College's purpose, as defined in the 1914 *Clarke College Catalog*, was to, "aim at making scholarships thoroughly in Christian character," to enable the student who passed through Clarke, "whatever profession they may choose, we desire them to carry to those various professions Christian characters which shall mold and shape civic and political life, as well as religious life." By making opportunities available to its students for Christian growth

through Chapel services, Mission Emphasis Week, Spiritual Emphasis Week, Baptist Student Union, Ministerial Association, Baptist Young Women and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Clarke College has through the years encouraged its students to become *doing* Christians, who integrate their faith into every aspect of their lives.

Clarke College has furthered the cause of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention through its annual participation in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions (which began in the mid-1950's), by its annual collection of funds to support B.S.U. Summer Missionaries (many of whom have come from Clarke), by inviting Mississippi Baptist Convention leaders, Southern Baptist Convention leaders, and Southern Baptist Convention missionaries to address Clarke College students in behalf of Convention causes, and by encouraging its students, both ministerial and non-ministerial, to support the Cooperative Program and Convention-wide efforts at spreading the Gospel.

Clarke College has supported the Great Commission by preparing and sending out over one thousand pastors, over one hundred missionaries and thousands of informed, involved, active Baptist lay people that have promoted the Great Commission in Mississippi, in the United States, and throughout the world. Many of these Clarke graduates have gone on to occupy important positions of leadership in the Mississippi Baptist Convention and in the Southern Baptist Convention.

For these three reasons, we who are in the Clarke College Family consider Clarke College a

success, not by the secular standards that this writer mentioned at the beginning of this article, but rather by the standards of the one who said, **"Well done thou good and faithful servant...enter into the joy of thy Lord" (Matthew 25:21).** Clarke has been and is that **"good and faithful servant"** and its reward is great because it has entered, **"into the joy"** of our Lord. This is **GENUINE SUCCESS** because it is **DIVINELY AND ETERNALLY DEFINED AND REWARDED.**



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# A History Of Clarke College

Clarke College grew out of an idea that East Mississippi needed a Baptist institution of higher learning. This was first publicly expressed at the General Association Meeting of Mississippi Baptists in 1907. The death of Rev. N.L. Clarke in 1906, who had been an influential Baptist minister in East Mississippi, spurred the movement to establish a Baptist College in East Mississippi. The Mt. Pisgah Association was first to go on record as being in favor of establishing such an institution. A number of rallies were held in the interest of Baptist higher education in 1907. The climax of these rallies was a rally at the Newton First Baptist Church in October, 1907, that selected a committee to choose the site for a Baptist college in East Mississippi and a Board of Trustees to operate the college.

## The formal opening of Clarke Memorial College occurred on October 1, 1908.

The town of Newton launched a major effort to secure the proposed college, establishing a committee to raise funds to build the college and another committee to secure a Newton site. Despite competition from towns in the areas, Newton was chosen the site for the Baptist college at a meeting of area Baptists in November, 1907, mainly due to the fact that it was on a railroad crossing and it had a healthful site. The college building committee met on April 16, 1908, and let contracts from construction of three buildings. The formal opening of Clarke Memorial College occurred on October 1, 1908.

Under President S.B. Culpepper, Clarke enrolled 114 students its first session. The second session

(1909) enrolled 148. By the third session, enrollment was up to 200; but Clarke was deeply in debt, badly needing contributions. In 1911 a committee met to coordinate Clarke College and Mississippi College's academic programs. In 1913 S.B. Culpepper was succeeded as president by M.P. Bush, who served as acting president until M.O. Patterson took the office.

This rapid turnover in chief administrative officers and Clarke's financial difficulties led to uncertainty about Clarke's future. In December, 1913, Clarke College's Board of Trustees requested that the college be turned over to the Mississippi Baptist State Convention.

## In 1913 Clarke College was turned over to the Mississippi Baptist Convention as a junior college.

At a 1913 meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention this request was granted on the condition that the college be only a junior college designed to feed the Baptist senior colleges in the state. It retained its secondary department. Clarke still was laboring under a \$25,000 debt. In March, 1915, M.O. Patterson resigned as president and was succeeded by R.A. Venable who served only one year. T.A.J. Beasley was asked to accept the position, but, on his refusal to accept the office, Bryan Simmons was chosen. From 1908 to 1930 there were ten presidents. During that period, enrollment continued to grow. During the early 1920's Clarke received \$12,500 from the Southern Baptist Churches' \$75,000 Campaign with the stipulation the Board of Trustees raise an

additional \$2,500. In 1926 the Standardization Committee of the Mississippi State Department of Education visited the Clarke campus and certified them as an accredited junior college.

## In 1926 Clarke became an accredited junior college.

The mid and late 1920's were difficult economic times for Clarke College with it being \$35,000 in debt by the late 1920's.

A joint meeting of the Clarke Board of Trustees and the Education Commission agreed to raise additional funds if Newton would also raise funds; but at a special meeting at the Mississippi Baptist Convention there was a vote taken to close Clarke College. There was such a local outcry to respond to the decision, that another special session was called which rescinded the previous action (July 15, 1930). That special session also agreed to liquidate Clarke's \$40,000 debt and borrow money to fund Clarke's operation. However, at the regular session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention that year, there was another vote to close Clarke College. A group of East Mississippi Baptists sought to lease Clarke College for five years. This was agreed to by the Board of Trustees on April 13, 1931.

Clarke College remained a state accredited institution under the Clarke College Holding Commission. S.L. Stringer was chosen as president; but in 1935 he was succeeded by Dr. C.Z. Holland. On April 16, 1937 the college was leased to W.A. McMullan, who served as president from 1937 to 1938. In 1940 W.L. McMullan surrendered the charter and lease to Freeman E. May.



Freeman May served as president from 1940 to 1942. When he resigned J.L. Boyde of Meridian was elected president.

**During the 1930's and early 1940's Clarke was operated by a holding company.**

Clarke began to increase its academic offerings for returning World War II veterans. As a result Clarke began emerging from the difficult times of the Great Depression, and there was a move to return Clarke to the control of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

**I**n 1945 control of Clarke College was returned to the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The same year W.E. Greene was chosen as president of Clarke College, serving in that capacity until 1954. During those years, Clarke's enrollment reached 400-500 students.

**In 1945 control of Clarke College was returned to the Mississippi Baptist Convention.**

**Also in 1952 Clarke College received its initial accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.** Deficit spending led to a change in the administration in 1954, with W.L. Green being replaced by Lowery Compere who served as president from January, 1955 to 1977. During the Compere administration the present women's dormitory, men's dormitory, Science building and Fine Arts building were constructed. Also the sub-collegiate program was dropped during the Compere administration.

In the mid 1960's and into the 1970's; however, deficits began to occur as enrollment dropped and the college began to cover these deficits by spending quasi-endowed funds.

**In 1976 the word "Memorial" was dropped from the college's name.**

In 1976 the college's charter was amended to change its name to Clarke College, omitting the word "Memorial." In 1977 Dr. Compere retired and Dr. S.L. Harris became president. Harris served only eighteen months and was succeeded by Dr. A.C. Johnson (1979-81).

**I**n the fall of 1980 Clarke College's Board of Trustees, facing the problems of decreasing enrollment and annual deficits, which were rapidly depleting the quasi-endowed fund, believed Clarke was in danger of closing. Clarke College's Board of Trustees went to the Baptist State Education Commission with the problem and the Education Commission recommended in November, 1980, that Clarke College be transferred to the control of Mississippi College.

**O**n August 1, 1981, the Mississippi Baptist Convention officially transferred the operation and administration of Clarke College to the Mississippi College Board of Trustees. Under the plan, Clarke College lost its independent board of trustees and its president.

**In 1981 Clarke College became a Division of Mississippi College.**

All of Clarke's property was transferred to the Mississippi

College Board of Trustees. Income from Clarke's endowed fund would go for Clarke's use only. Clarke College would become an integral part of Mississippi College, though Clarke was expected to pay its own operating costs.

**T**he union of Clarke College with Mississippi College has now been in existence for ten years. The nature of the relationship was not clearly defined by the document mandating the union, so any definition has come by "custom" and "usage." What has emerged cannot be described as a real "merger," but rather it is a partial merger of administration and financial operations, while academics, student support services, and alumni affairs have remained separate.

## Clarke College Presidents

1908 - 12	S.B. Culpepper
1912 - 13	L.G. Gates
1913 - 15	M.O. Patterson
1915 - 16	R.A. Venable
1916 - 18	Bryan Simmons
1918 - 20	T.A.J. Beasley
1920 - 23	John F. Carter
1923 - 29	H.T. McLaurin
1929 - 30	W.T. Lowrey
1930 - 31	John F. Carter
1931 - 32	A.A. Roebuck
1932 - 35	S.L. Stringer
1935 - 37	C.Z. Holland
1937 - 40	W.L. McMullan
1940 - 41	Freeman S. May
1942 - 44	J.L. Boyd
1944 - 54	W.E. Greene
1955 - 77	W. Lowery Compere
1977 - 79	S.L. Harris
1979 - 81	A.C. Johnson
1981 -	Dr. Lewis Nobles



## Clarke College 1991-92 Faculty And Staff

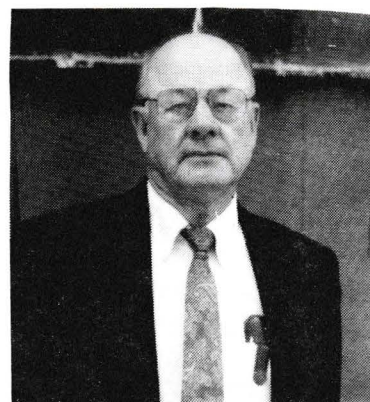
Adams, Clark (JoAnn) - Music  
 Adams, Nell - Music  
 Alexander, Linda - History/Girls' Dorm Director  
 Armstrong, Dorothy (Andy) - Art  
 Brock, Peggy - Public Relations/Receptionist  
 Burt, Bryan (Mary) - Student Services Director/Baseball Coach  
 Burt, Mary (Bryan) - Admissions Clerk  
 Clark, Gloria - Chemistry  
 Craven, Dr. Albert (Peggy) - Business  
 Dent, Dr. John (Jerrie) - Greek & New Testament/MC @ Clarke Coordinator  
 Dent, Jerrie (John) - Registrar/Book Store Manager  
 Everett, Michael (Sandy) - Sociology  
 Ford, Sue (Daryl) - Math/Computer Science  
 Gibbon, Lucille (Billy) - Dietician  
 Gressett, Larry (Terry) - Psychology  
 Hardy, Jeff (Jeanette) - Piano Prep  
 Harmon, Dr. Frank (Nancy) - Pastoral Ministries  
 Harrison, Frankie (Dan) - Nurse  
 Hart, Sally (James) - Business Manager  
 Hollingsworth, Gail (David) - Financial Clerk  
 Hollingsworth, Hubert (Marie) - Director of Plant Maintenance  
 Kelly, Cathy (O'Neal) - Cashier  
 Martin, Allen (Jymmie) - Mens' Dorm Director  
 Mason, George (Zelle) - Science/Biology  
 Melton, Dr. Charles (Vera) - Religious Education  
 Miley, Wayne - Director of Admissions & Recruiting  
 Munn, Joy (Don) - Secretary to the Dean/Intramural Director  
 Read, Dr. James (Sandy) - Dean of the College  
 Ruddick, Eddie (Fay) - Old Testament, Department of Religion  
 Salley, Jerry (Shirley) - Basketball Coach/Physical Education  
 Savell, Lynn (Mark) - English  
 Sharp, Wil (Terry) - Economics  
 Thornton, Marian (Milton) - Alumni Director/Prep Piano  
 Tramill, Dr. Stephen (Paulette) - Anatomy & Physiology  
 Valentine, Kelton - Accounts Payable Clerk  
 West, Juanita - Speech  
 White, Lawrence (Dayna) - BSU Director  
 Williams, Evelyn (Bill) - Director of Financial Aid  
 Williams, Juan (Hillman) - Developmental Courses  
 Ziegler, Joyce (Nathan) - Librarian

## New Faculty

### Clarke Alumnus Returns As Faculty Member

Mr. George Mason, Class of 1950, returned to the Clarke Campus as physical science and biology teacher for the 1991-92 school session. Mr. Mason has an impressive background of teaching in high schools and junior colleges in Mississippi, as well as serving as a graduate assistant at Mississippi State University.

Mr. Mason was born in Newton County and attended Newton Public Schools. After high school graduation, he spent some time in the Navy and returned home to attend Clarke from 1948 to 1950. After leaving Clarke, he earned a B.A. Degree at Mississippi College and a Master's Degree in Biology at Mississippi State, where he worked as a graduate assistant. After teaching in various schools and colleges, he began a 31 year period of service as Biology instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur. In May of 1991, Mr. Mason retired at East Central.



George and his wife Zelle live on a farm in the Newton area. They have two daughters, Georgia, who is deceased, and Marcia, who is Mrs. Randy Garner. He stated that his brothers, Harold and Howard, and sister, Jean Rives also attended Clarke and that he is happy to be a part of his Alma Mater.

## FACULTY





## New Faculty

### Craven Appointed As Accounting Teacher

**D**r. Albert Lee Craven, Jr. of Lake, MS was appointed as Professor of Accounting at Clarke for the 1991-92 session. He recently retired as Professor of Accounting at Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina, where he had served since 1972.



**D**r. Craven is a native of Newton County having graduated from Lake High School. His education continued with a B.A. Degree from Louisiana College, a Master's of Business Degree from the University of Mississippi and a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Accounting, Economics, and Finance from the University of Alabama. In addition to teaching at Mississippi College, the University of Mississippi, and Appalachian State University, Dr. Craven has worked as Consultant to Burlington Industries, Inc., Hardie's Investment Group, North Carolina Savings and Loan League, Mississippi State Medical Association, the Economic Development Administration and the Mississippi Research and Development Center. He holds membership in various professional organizations and has had six selected articles published.

**D**r. Craven and his wife, Peggy, have seven children: Jon (deceased), Peggy, Melinda (deceased), Anita, Brian, Laura, and Paul.

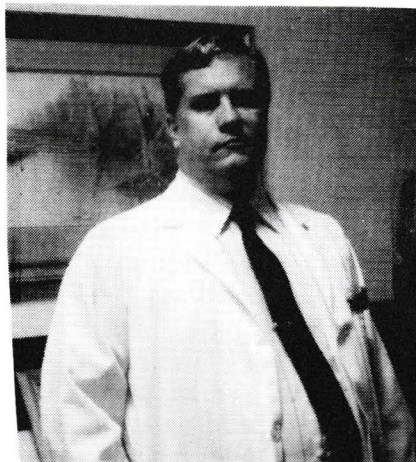
**C**larke College is fortunate to have Dr. Craven on the Faculty.



## New Faculty

### Local Physician Joins Clarke Faculty

**N**ot many Junior College students have the privilege of studying Anatomy and Physiology courses with a licensed physician as the teacher! Perhaps in the presence of so much knowledge and training, the students in Dr. Stephen Tramill's classes feel that their questions may sound as silly as the Disney Character, Bugs Bunny, when he says, "What's Up, Doc?"



**D**r. Stephen A. Tramill was born in Oakland, CA and attended James Madison High School in San Diego, CA. His undergraduate degrees were received at Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA and McNeese State University in Lake Charles, LA. He received a Doctorate in Osteopathy from Southeastern School of Osteopathic Medicine in N. Miami Beach, FL.

**D**r. Tramill has had a variety of employment opportunities such as Analytical Chemist, Nurses' Aide, Research Assistant, Insurance Examiner, and Intern. He served in the United States Army, Active Reserve from 1968 to 1977, seeing a year of active duty in Vietnam and a year in South Korea. He received seven Decorations: Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal, eighteen (18) combat air medals, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Senior Aviator Badge and a Recommendation for Silver Star Medal. His highest rank in the military is Chief Warrant Officer.

**D**r. Tramill and his wife, Paulette, have three children, Stephanie, Megan, and Christopher, who attend Newton Public Schools.

**D**r. Tramill is on the staff of Rush Hospital, Newton and has a private family practice with his office located in the hospital. He states in his resume that: "An ideal practice would be dealing with general medicine, pediatrics, gynecology, geriatrics, and sports medicine." He has found all of this in the town of Newton, MS. In addition, he has time to teach at Clarke!





## New Faculty

# Salley Hired As Basketball Coach

**M**r. Jerry Salley of Minden, LA has assumed the coaching duties of both the men's and women's basketball teams at Clarke for the 1991-92 season. He comes to Clarke with a wealth of experience, having had head coaching jobs at several high schools in Louisiana and a junior college in Arkansas.



**C**oach Salley's childhood was spent in Pleasant Hill, LA. He graduated from Pleasant Hill High School in 1961, where he was selected All-State three times and was Louisiana's Mr. Basketball as a senior. He went to Nicholls State in Thibodaux, LA and received a B.S. Degree in 1966. His M.A. Degree was received from Northeast Louisiana University, in 1970.

**S**alley's coaching experience was received at Crowville, Mansfield, Pelican, Riverdale Academy, Martin, and Minden. During his career, he has had sixteen basketball teams reach the Louisiana State quarterfinals. Nine of his high school years were at Riverdale Academy, where his teams won four state championships and were state runners-up twice. His team at Southern Arkansas University, El Dorado Junior College finished third in the Arkansas State tournament.

**J**erry Salley comes from a family who is thoroughly Southern Baptist.

His dad is a Baptist preacher, his brother, Allison, is a Music Director in Ft. Worth, TX and his brother, Bob, is Director for Baptist Men's Association for the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis, TN. Jerry states that as a young person, he did not want to be called to do God's work because he couldn't sing and didn't want to preach. Time and experience has shown him God needs coaches too.

**C**oach Salley's home is in Minden, LA where his wife, Shirley, teaches in Duberly Elementary School. They have two sons, Jerry, Jr. age 28 who is a computer technician in Memphis and Brian, age 16 who is a junior in Minden High School. Rather than up-root his family at this time, Jerry commutes home for weekends and holidays.

**T**he Clarke Coach's testimony about his newly adopted school is:

*I believe God had a reason for allowing me to come to Clarke. I felt welcomed and found the people friendly and warm on my first visit. I've been happier here at Clarke than I've been in a long time!*

*I do not believe being a Christian is a hindrance to being an athlete, nor do I believe being an athlete hinders one from being a Christian.*

**C**oach Salley arrived at Clarke with his sleeves rolled up and tools in his hand! As a result of his leadership and work, the gymnasium has a new face lift and space has been cleared on the campus for a new driving range. If you come to the campus to look for him, he may pass by swiftly and silently in his electric golf cart to his next project!

## Adjunct Faculty

# NHS Teachers

Mrs. Gloria Clark of Toomsaba, MS, teacher of Chemistry at Newton High School and Mr. Larry Gressett of Conehatta, MS, Counselor at Newton High School were selected as Adjunct Faculty Members at Clarke for the 1991-92 session.



Mrs. Clark received her education at Alcorn State University, Lorman, MS, Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, NC, and Mississippi State University, Meridian Branch. She taught chemistry at Embry Riddle Aer. University, was employed as a chemist in Moore County, NC, and served as a research associate at the University of Hawaii. Along with her teaching duties at Newton High School, she teaches a chemistry course at Clarke.

Mr. Gressett is a graduate of East Central Community College in Decatur, MS, Mississippi College, Clinton, MS, and has done graduate work at Mississippi State University and the University of Southern Mississippi. He was employed at Clarke as a coach, at East Central as a coach and psychology instructor, at Moss Point schools as vocational counselor, and is presently serving as counselor at Newton High School. He is teaching a psychology course at Clarke.



## Newton and Clarke College Horse and Carriage?

*Love and marriage,  
Love and marriage,  
Go together like a horse & carriage!*

**S**o croons the pop song from the 50's! This might well describe the relationship that Clarke College and the Town of Newton have experienced since Clarke was founded. It is interesting to note in the *History of Clarke*, included in this issue, that "the town of Newton launched a major effort to secure the proposed college, establishing a committee to raise funds to build the college and another to secure a Newton site. Despite competition from towns in the area, Newton was chosen the site for the Baptist College at a meeting of area Baptists in November, 1907, mainly due to the fact that it was on a railroad crossing and it had a healthful site."

**N**ewton has not failed Clarke, nor has Clarke failed Newton in the 83 years of their relationship. The two following articles appeared in recent issues of the *Newton Record*, a weekly newspaper which describes the union of Clarke and Newton:

### What Does Clarke College Mean To Newton? By: Jim Read

**W**ith Clarke College's status with the Southern Association of Schools (S.A.C.S.) being in question, a situation which threatens Clarke College's very existence, it may be well to look at just what Clarke College means to Newton.

**F**irst, Clarke College means **Money to Newton.** Clarke College's total 1990-91 budget was \$1,300,000. Of that amount, \$556,353 went for salaries for the thirty-three full and part-time employees at Clarke College and the twelve adjunct instructors who taught at Clarke College. These

employees and the approximately 160 students who attended Clarke College during the 1990-91 academic year spent thousands of dollars in Newton businesses.

**S**econd, Clarke College means **Service to Newton.** Clarke College's faculty offered continuing education courses in subjects that ranged from Bible to computing science to Newtonians. The Clarke College Fine Arts Building auditorium has hosted events that include: beauty pageants, dance recitals, piano recitals, concerts, and the productions of the Newton Little Theater. The Clarke College Piano Preparatory Program serves approximately seventy youth from Newton and Newton County. The Newton Public Schools hold their annual pre-school in-service training in the air-conditioned classroom buildings on the Clarke College campus. The Clarke College baseball field has been the home field for the Newton High School baseball team before the new high school baseball field was constructed and is still the home of Newton's Babe Ruth Baseball team, which won the state championship last summer.

**T**hird, Clarke College means **Prestige for Newton.** Not every town in Mississippi has a college. Clarke College, for the last eighty-three years, has operated in Newton. When people think of Clarke College, they also think of Newton. When families and industrial leaders think of locating in Newton, they are enticed by the fact that Newton has its own college.

**T**hese three assets (Money, Service, and Prestige) are gained by Newton from Clarke College, but they will be lost to Newton if Clarke College is forced to close.



### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Clarke College was founded in Newton, Mississippi in the year 1908; and

WHEREAS, over the eighty-three years of its existence Clarke College has made a meaningful contribution to the education and well being of thousands of Mississippians; and

WHEREAS, Clarke College has always been a source of pride to the people of the City of Newton and the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, Clarke College contributes in a very significant way to the social, cultural and economic well being of this community and all of east central Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the contribution of the fine service rendered by this institution is of utmost importance to the future of this community.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Newton Mississippi that we do hereby wholeheartedly support Clarke College in its efforts to continue its service as an educational institution.

RESOLVED, this the 2nd  
day of July  
1991.

Terry C. Burton  
TERRY C. BURTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Geraldine M. Seal  
GERALDINE SEAL, CITY CLERK



## B.S.U. Summer Missionaries Share Experiences

*Culture Shock!* was a key word used again and again by the four student summer missionaries from Clarke who were chosen to represent the State Baptist Student Union in various mission points last summer. They were featured in Chapel at Clarke on Wednesday, September 11th as they gave a report of their experience.

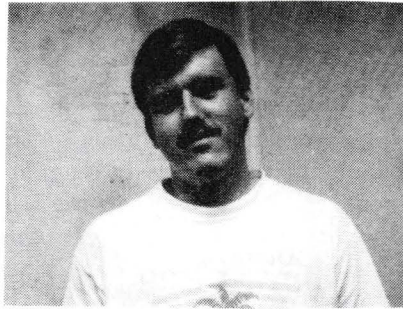
**Jennifer Conrad** of Union, MS, a 1991 graduate of Clarke, was assigned to Inner-City Missions in Chicago, Illinois. Her home-base church had approximately forty members of all cultures and races.



She spoke of the adjustment she had to make to accept all types of people: the homeless, the jobless, the hungry and the abused. Jennifer claimed Deut. 10:17-20 to help her show no partiality to anyone. She stated that sometimes those serving on mission fields are thought to be super-human because of their ability to cope. She found that missionaries are ordinary people that the Lord calls and equips for the task.

**David Thurman**, Sophomore at Clarke was selected to serve in Hawaii. The blending of different cultures in one location was nothing new to David, since he was born in Bangladesh as the son of Baptist Foreign Missionaries. What was new to him was the realization that now he was the missionary with an awesome responsibility to God and to the people! He claimed Proverbs 3:56 as his verse to cling to. He states that experiences of the

summer opened his eyes anew to the meaning of "Missions" and how he feels that God is calling him to Foreign Missions as a life's work.



David's parents are Rev. and Mrs. Thomas E. Thurman who are serving in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Rev. Thurman attended Clarke College in 1951-1953.

**Jon Fancher** of Alabaster, AL and Ronnie Pannell of Gulfport were sent to the same association in Sacramento, CA. Jon spoke of the variety of activities they were involved in such as summer camp for pre-teens, V.B.S., Backyard Bible Clubs, helping to organize three churches, and serving three churches at one time.



An adjustment he had to make was the informal type of worship services they participated in with live bands, chorus singing, drama, 15-minute sermons, and very informal dress. Jon who claimed Romans 8:28 as his Scripture considers the summer's work his greatest growing experience.

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*The Lord doesn't call the equipped; He equips the called! --Jennifer Conrad*

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**Ronnie Pannell** began his report by quoting some facts about California:

- 30 million people
- 26 million unchurched
- 60 ethnic groups
- 100 dialects & languages
- 1,306 Southern Baptist Congregations

He reviewed how God had worked in leading him to volunteer for summer missions, how He had strengthened him when his faith was challenged and how He moved in a mighty way the last two weeks of the summer. Ronnie challenged



the student body to pray and consider investing their lives in mission work next summer and as a life's work if the Lord calls.



BAPTIST  
STUDENT UNION  
SUMMER MISSIONS





## Clarke College Librarian Serves in Hungary

**W**hat an exciting day May 30th was for Mrs. Joyce Brinkley Ziegler, Librarian at Clarke College! That was the day that she boarded a plane for Budapest, Hungary to become a volunteer missionary from June 1 - 30.



**J**oyce received the appointment under the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board Volunteer Program. She was assigned to work in the Library of the International Baptist Lay Academy, processing books and training library personnel.

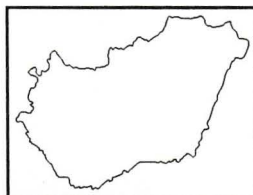
**T**he new International Baptist Lay Academy in Budapest is sponsored by the European Baptist Federation, Hungarian Baptists and the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. The school provides basic Christian training to lay persons and bi-vocational pastors from throughout Eastern Europe. Students from every Eastern European country except Albania attended classes last summer.

**T**he Academy and the Hungarian Baptist Seminary share the same building which was partially funded by the Lottie Moon Christmas offering and volunteer construction teams from America.

**W**hile in Hungary, Mrs. Ziegler met volunteer construction workers from the States, seven journeymen and four missionary

couples. Those with Mississippi ties are Dr. Errol and Mary (Ishee) Simmons, David and Lynda (Sneed) Bodenheimer and Melanie Bynum, journeyman from Pisgah. Dr. Simmons is Administrator of the Lay Academy and Mary is the bookkeeper/accountant. The Bodenheimers are now in language school and will be teaching the Adult Bible Study. Melanie teaches English in the public schools, along with her assigned duties at the Academy. This is Melanie's second time in Hungary, her first time was as a B.S.U. Missionary in 1989. Joyce also enjoyed meeting the 1991 B.S.U. Missionaries serving in Hungary, seven of whom were from Canada and two from South Carolina.

**J**oyce recently gave a slide presentation on Southern Baptist work in Hungary to the Women of Clarke Organization.



Hungary

She described the country as beautiful, the food as delicious, the people as friendly and sincere, the church music as beautiful. She visited several church services and spoke of excitement of being with people who are experiencing their first taste of freedom since World War II. She stated that in the churches, there was Sunday School for the children and young people, but none for the adults. The adults spent the hour in prayer and then after the Sermon, there would be another prayer meeting.

**M**rs. Ziegler was asked some difficult questions, for the

*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.*

Matthew 28:19-20

Hungarian Christians were curious about American Christians. One Baptist Pastor asked her the following questions:

- Do American Christians witness like the Bible tells us to?
- Why are there so many different kinds of Baptists in America?
- Why don't all the different kinds of Baptists meet together?

**M**rs. Ziegler is available to churches in the area that would like to see her presentation.



Give To God Through  
The Lottie Moon Offering  
For Foreign Missions

Of particular interest is the fact that Lottie Moon Christmas Offering money helps to support the work in Hungary.





# What's Up The Alumni Sleeve?

**Y**ou have an Alumni Office in the Administration Building at Clarke, packed with yearbooks from 1915 to 1991, memorabilia of all kinds such as pictures, books, records - and memories, memories, memories! Come to the campus and remember!

**Y**ou have a proposed slate of Alumni Officers for 1991-1992:

- President: Rev. Walter Ballard  
DOM Panola County  
Batesville, MS 38608
- Vice-Pres.: Rev. Glen Shows  
First Baptist Church  
Greenwood, MS 38930
- Secretary: Mrs. Marian Thornton  
Clarke College Alumni Director  
P.O. Box 440  
Newton, MS 39345
- Past-Pres.: Rev. Leon Holley  
Vaiden Baptist Church  
Vaiden, MS 39176
- Alumni Area Representatives:  
(to be named)

**Stand behind them and fill in the "gaps"!**

**C**ome to the Clarke College Alumni Breakfast at the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Wednesday, November 13, 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church of Jackson. Special features:

- Memory tables
- A video tape of 1991 Clarke Choir performing on tour
- Students to sing solos.

**C**larke College Choir Reunion, (Years of 1971-1991), planned for Homecoming and Preview Day, Saturday, December 7, with an Alumni Choir Performance in the Morning Service. Choir members should come on Saturday morning for a rehearsal from 9:45 to 10:45.

**O**ther Reunions "stewing in the pot": Classes of 1959, 1960, 1961, (initiated by Mrs. Ina Patterson Weekly of Mobile, Alabama) and Class of 1967, (initiated by Charles (Chick) Brown of Tuscaloosa, Alabama).



## Alumni Nostalgia

**S**trange things begin to happen to former students of Clarke College when they drive to the campus after being away for several years! What they thought would be a casual visit to their Alma Mater became a "trip down Memory Lane." Their actual presence on the campus brought back many memories of their Clarke days.

**D**uring the summer, several Alumni came to the campus and visited the Alumni Room, where memorabilia such as yearbooks, pictures, choir programs and graduation programs have been collected. The most common phrases coined while looking through the annuals were: "Oh, look! Here is \_\_\_\_\_! I wonder where he is now?" or "We need to plan a Reunion of my class!"

**J**oAnne Kneitel Williford, Class of 1966, and her husband Les Williford of Brewton, Alabama came to the campus to visit with friends, look at annuals, and reminisce about experiences at Clarke.

**A**fter graduation from Clarke, JoAnne attended William Carey College and upon graduation, settled in Brewton, where she is employed as a physical education teacher in the Brewton City Schools.

**C**harles (Chick) Brown, Class of 1967 came to the campus to begin plans for a Reunion of the 1967 class. Charles is Field Representative of Woodman of the World Fraternity in Tuscaloosa, Alabama and is a loyal supporter of Clarke College.

**D**on and Margie Palmer Moore, (Class of 1960) from High Point, NC were visiting relatives in the Newton area and came to the campus for a "casual" visit. This visit became more extended than planned as they looked through annuals and "remembered"! Their visit even led to their appearance in a Chapel service at Clarke in October.

**R**ev. Leon Holley, Pastor of Vaiden Baptist Church and Rev. Walter Ballard, Director of Missions in Panola County, both from the Class of 1962, were on the campus for an Alumni Officers' Planning Meeting in August. Bro. Ballard stated that being on the campus and looking at the pictures of his former classmates stirred up memories and loyalty to Clarke College.

**P**erhaps you should plan a trip to your Alma Mater!





## Andy's Special Love

**W**hen a person becomes a Senior Citizen and enters the retirement phase of life, everyone expects him or her to "take it easy"! Not so with Mrs. Lucille Bounds Brantley, a 1937 Clarke graduate and a member of the 50-Year Club! Mrs. Brantley realized a teenage ambition when her first book was published in the Spring of 1991.



**M**rs. Brantley, a native of Newton, MS attended Newton Public Schools and upon high school graduation, entered Clarke College and received an Associate Degree from Clarke. She soon married A.L. Brantley of Newton and for many years worked with her husband in his retail grocery and meat market in Newton, as well as raising their two daughters, Ann and Cindy.

**M**rs. Brantley remained interested in writing all through those years. In fact, her high school English teacher at Newton, Miss Evelyn Steadman, recognized and encouraged her writing talent, as Lucille handed in original stories and poems required in the classes. She had the desire and talent to write for posterity, but until a grandson, Andy Wright, came along, the special inspiration was missing. Watching Andy's antics, curiosity and love of life, Mrs. Brantley saw stories about a small boy visiting Granddaddy's

farm began to form and the book, *Andy's Special Love* took shape. Mrs. Brantley states that in the book, she drew from her own person experience as well as Andy's. Since she came from a large family of nine children and had a grandmother who loved to entertain children, she had a rich heritage of childhood experiences.



## "On The Road Again!"

**D**on and Margie Moore harmonize in a beautiful duet as they travel throughout the United States in a Ministry of Encouragement! Actually, Don ministers through music and Margie ministers through the spoken word.



**D**onald Moore and Margie Palmer Moore met at Clarke College as students in 1958 and were married on December 28, 1959. From Clarke, Don attended Mississippi College and New Orleans Baptist Seminary. He served churches throughout Mississippi and Louisiana as Minister of music from 1958-1977. He then heard God's call to Evangelistic Music Ministry where he served until 1981. Don states that he and his family had a wilderness type experience the next four years as he worked as a Classification Officer at the Louisiana State Penitentiary.

**M**rs. Brantley has been a loyal supporter of Clarke College through the years and seldom misses a 50-Year Club meeting. She has presented the Alumni Office with a personal picture of a group of the 1937 Graduation Class. She has also placed a copy of her first published book, *Andy's Special Love*, in the Alumni Room for the 50-Year Club.



In 1985 he was again called into the Music Ministry of a church for four years. After that he and Margie organized the Don Moore Concert Ministries located in High Point, North Carolina, where they have served the Lord in a Concert - Evangelistic Ministry until the present time.

**D**on and Margie have three children, Lisa, Richard, and Lara. Since the children are now adults, Margie enjoys traveling with Don on his singing engagements and leading groups in Bible Study and testimony. They call their ministry, "a Ministry of Encouragement to the body of Christ and they go to churches of all denominations, nursing homes, prisons, and anywhere they have the opportunity. One of their most unusual services occurred at a black church which met on the front porch of a home. Their only accompaniment for group singing was "home made" percussion, such as a rub-board and metal scraper and two pieces of metal clicked together. This percussion section even accompanied Don as he sang with tapes.

**T**he Clarke faculty, staff, and student body were privileged to enjoy Don and Margie in a Chapel service Wednesday, October 9, 1991. In turn, Don and Margie felt it a blessing to return to the place where their life together began!





# Alumnus Leads Chapel Service

**S**tudy to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. II Timothy 2:15. This was the advice that Rev. James Parker, Pastor of Central Baptist Church in Selma, Alabama, gave to the Clarke College students in a Chapel service on Wednesday, October 22nd.

**A**fter working for five years making cast iron pipe, James heard the call of God to the ministry and began looking for a college to help him prepare. Upon recommendation of their pastor, Dr. Reginald Stokes, who was a Clarke alumnus, James and his wife Deborah Carol came to Clarke in 1971. He spoke to the students about the good foundation he received at Clarke and how it helped to stabilize his life when trials came and his faith was tested. He listed Dr. John Carter, Dr. O.P. Moore, Dr. Charles Melton, and Dr. Paul Brown as teachers who influenced him the most.

**U**pon reflection of his Clarke days, James reminded the students to apply themselves, for they were not only preparing for life, they are now living it. "Don't just study about being a witness, but be one!" he said.

**A**fter leaving Clarke, Rev. Parker attended and graduated from Samford University in Alabama and then received a Master of Divinity Degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

**B**y way of testimony to God's care for His people, the speaker told of his wife, Deborah, having radical surgery for cancer. While they were students at Clarke, she had to have additional surgery in Meridian. Finally in 1983, Deborah had a re-occurrence of cancer and died, leaving her

husband with two teenage children to raise. Out of all the tragedy in his life, James learned that God is more concerned with how you are on the inside, rather than what you do.

**S**ix years ago, God brought Jennifer into James' life as his wife and now in addition to a son, age 24, and a daughter, age 22, he and Jennifer have a son, age 4.

**I**n closing the Chapel service, Rev. Parker paraphrased II Timothy 2:15: "Be diligent to present yourselves in such a way as God approves, so that you should not be ashamed as His servant; being able to accurately handle the Word of Truth."



## Clarke Matrimonial College?

**I**f the saying "Marriages are made in Heaven" is true, there must be Legions of Angelic Bookkeepers planning and recording all of the weddings that had beginnings at Clarke College! It would be interesting to know how many couples met at Clarke and marched down the aisle together to the altar. For starts, there are: Wilbur and Lorene Palmer, Jim and Shirley Futral, Bryan and Mary Burt, Wyatt and Adrianna Harvey, Don and Margie Moore, William and Jeanette Spencer, Chris and Madge Atkinson, Toni and Bobby Adams, etc., etc. -this list is endless.

**Q**uestion: Would the couples who fall into the above category be interested in returning to Clarke on a Saturday for a "Renewal of Wedding Vows" ceremony? The agenda would look something like this:

1. Registration, greeting friends and then finding that favorite spot on the campus to enjoy as you once did.
2. Fun time in the Fine Arts Auditorium at a "Womanless Wedding" sponsored by the Women of Clarke organization.
3. A wedding feast in the college cafeteria.
4. Renewal of vows en-masse in the Fine Arts Auditorium led by a college personality.

If you are interested, please respond and give the following information:

Names:

Address:

Class of What Year:

Time of year to have event: spring or summer?

If the grandparents can't keep the children, they can be cared for on the campus.

This could be a very exciting and meaningful event. I will anticipate hearing from many of you.

Marian Thornton





# Clarke College Day Declared By Many MS Baptist Churches

**W**e live in a day of modern miracles! God will not fail His people in the 20th Century just as He did not fail them in the 1st Century!

**D**ue to the loss of regional accreditation in the spring, and consequently the loss of federal loans for the Clarke students, the faculty and staff of Clarke College declared a state of emergency for student funding. A letter was formulated and sent to all Baptist Churches in the 9 county area as well as to alumni pastors of other areas in Mississippi asking that August 20th be declared Clarke College Day. On this special day, the churches were asked to take up an offering equivalent to their total church membership and send the money to help with student loans.

**T**he response was tremendous! At the date of this writing a total of \$10,797.96 has been received. With your help, students are able to continue with their education at Clarke.

**L**isted below are the names of churches who responded with gifts by the end of October:

Antioch - Louin  
Bay Springs  
Bethel - Newton  
Bethesda  
Beulah  
Bluff Springs  
Calvary - Meridian  
Calvary - Newton  
Calvary - Forest  
Cedar Grove - Lena  
Center Ridge  
Collinsville  
Conehatta  
Crossroads

DeKalb  
DeSoto - Shubuta  
Emmanuel - Union  
Enon - Louisville  
Enterprise  
First - Newton  
First - Taylorsville  
First - Quitman  
Forest  
Good Hope  
Goodwater - Enterprise  
Hickory  
Hillsboro  
Hopewell - Little Rock  
Knights Valley  
Liberty - DeKalb  
Liberty - Newton  
Midway - Carthage  
Midway - Newton  
Mt. Vernon - Newton  
Mt. Nebo - Neshoba  
Oak Grove  
Pinckney  
Pleasant Grove  
Poplar Springs - Newton  
Poplar Springs - Porterville  
Rock Branch - Newton  
Salem - Preston  
Salem - Carthage  
Sardis - Morton

Shubuta  
Sulphur Springs  
Ted  
Union

**L**isted below are the names of individuals who responded with gifts by the end of October:

Mary M. Bounds  
Charlotte W. Bryan  
M/M W. Troy Brand, Jr.  
Hulon Chaney  
Britt & Jan Crowell  
M/M Peyton Eady, Jr.  
Mrs. W.O. Glass  
Harry and Grace Hannah  
Roger and Barbara Harrison  
M/M L.T. McDill  
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Moore  
Gracie E. Nicholson  
Mrs. C.A. Pace  
M/M Polk Pace  
J. Herman Pilgrim  
M/M H.L. Rucker  
Glenn Shows  
Don and Leisa Taylor  
Kelton Valentine  
M/M J.C. Williamson



## 2,000 For 20 in 92

### A Plan for Consistent Giving

**D**o you "waste" \$20.00 a month on unnecessary and frivolous things? Most people do and think nothing of it!

**T**his was the thinking of the Clarke College Alumni Officers as they met in a planning session in August. The topic was how the alumni can help the college through the present crisis and then continue to help it get back to the business of educating young people.

**A** plan of consistent giving was formulated and adopted in the

meeting. If 2,000 former students of Clarke and also Friends of Clarke would pledge \$20.00 a month for the year of 1992, the amount would total \$480,000.00. The slogan "2,000 for 20 in 92" was suggested and adopted. The Alumni Office is now in the process of enlisting people in the areas of the Mississippi Baptist Convention to help get the word out and get pledges made.

**T**his Plan of Consistent Giving might be the very thing that will help Clarke have "a stable financial base" that the Accreditation Commission says that it doesn't have! Will you be a "Pledger?"





# Pages from the Past

THE PANTHER

## Clarke Memorial College



**"Not the Biggest, But the Best"**

Located at Newton, Mississippi, with easy access to Laurel, Meridian and Jackson

Four-year accredited high school course, and a two-year standard College course offered. Student body growing in numbers. The only college in the state with a fifty per cent increase in enrollment each year for the last three years. Both boys' and girls' dormitories, and the new Scanlan home filled. Eighteen families occupying the ministerial and other cottages.

There is a reason for all this. Personal attention given to every student as to health, habits and studies.

"Co-operation" is the key-word by faculty and students.

Send for catalogue.

H. T. McLaurin, Pres.

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Newton, Mississippi

1926

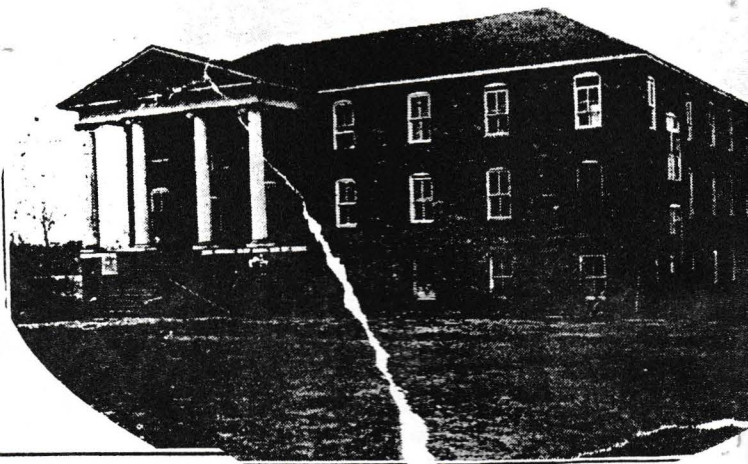


1915



BOYS' DORMITORY

1915



GIRLS' DORMITORY

1915



COLLEGE CHAPEL

## Campus



*The halls of Clarke College,  
Look upward to the sky;  
Within her walls is knowledge  
For those who work and try*

: 1926 :

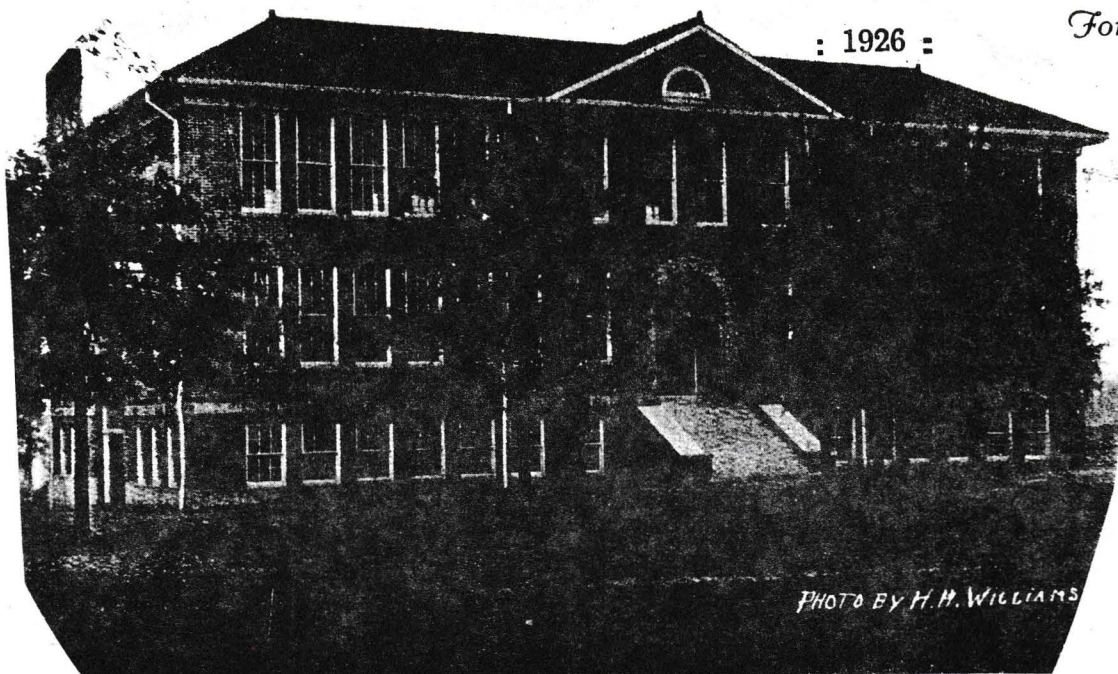


PHOTO BY H. H. WILLIAMS

*"Behold her standing in all her beauty,  
Calling the scholars to their neglected duty."—Shakespeare.*



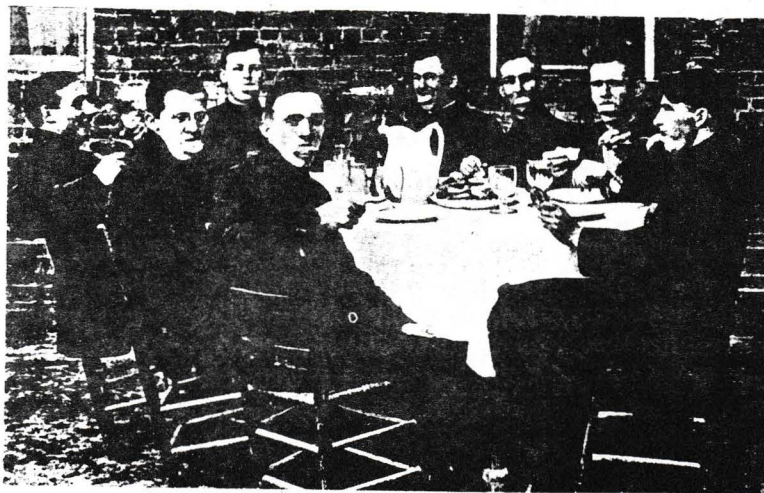
# Glimpses of the Past!

## Clarke College Clubs in 1915

1. The Red-headed Club
2. The Lauderdale County Club
3. The Newton County Club
4. The Hungry Club
5. The Greek Club
6. The Rooters Club
7. The Masonic Club
8. The Paddle Your Own Canoe Club
9. The Prune Club
10. The Co-ed Club
11. The Latin Club
12. The Billikin Club



THE CO-ED. CLUB



The Hungry Club

MOTTO: "Promptness at meals."

By no means the most unpopular Club in College is the Hungry Club. Our "Judge" was never known to frown; Ross is all smiles; "Red" never lets anything pass, and Thompson is always ready to start something. We predict a great future for the "biscuit-eaters."



## THE PANTHER

### Football



HERMAN KEENE, Tackle

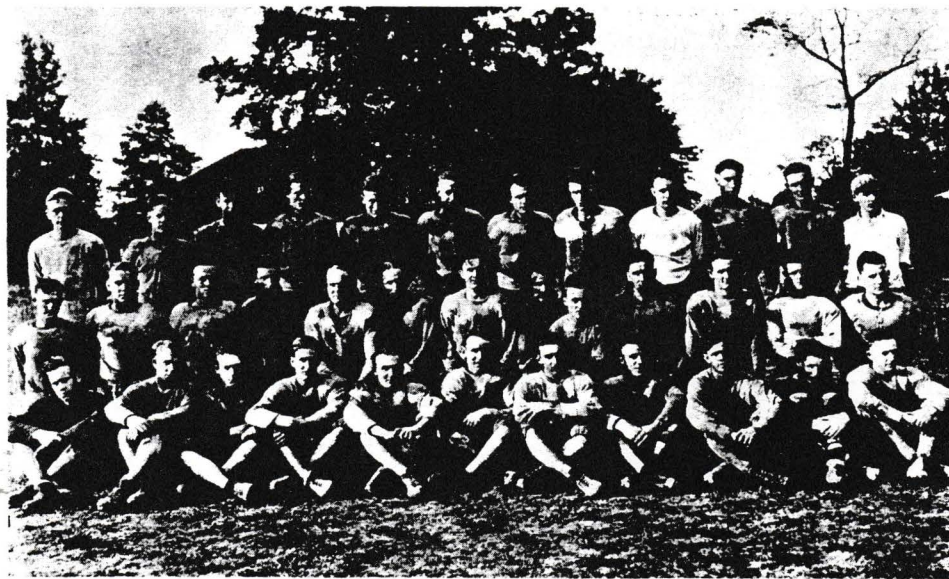
"Grandpa" stands his ground—more than one has been punished by his long, hard-hitting hands.

STANLEY YOUNGBLOOD, Fullback

Watch the score increase for the Panthers when Red carries the "pill."

FULTON HARRIS, Tackle

"Bull" never allowed them to pass by—he never lost ground—his record is perfect.



FOOTBALL SQUAD

"It ain't the individual, nor the army as a whole,  
But the everlasting team work of every blooming soul."  
—Kipling.

1926



## THE PANTHER

### Annual Football Banquet

CLARKE MEMORIAL COLLEGE

December 11, 1925

#### MENU

Kick-off Cocktail  
Scrimmage Olives

#### Roast Panther Meat

First Aid Dressing		Gridiron Gravy
Varsity Potatoes	Scrub Peas	Edible Footballs
Victory Jelly		Forward Pass Celery
	Eligibility Rolls	

C. M. C. Salad

Sideline Sandwiches

Maroon and White Pudding

Blanket Cake

Bits of Clarke Pep  
Touchdown Straws

Nuts from Poplarville  
Banquet Coffee

### Football Schedule

Time.	Place.	Score.
Sept. 26—	At Jackson .....	Clarke 0, Millsaps 6
Oct. 2—	At Hattiesburg .....	Clarke 32, S. T. C., 0
Oct. 9—	At Mobile .....	Clarke 0, Spring Hill 13
Oct. 16—	At Newton .....	Clarke 0, Poplarville 0
Oct. 23—	At Gulfport .....	Clarke 51, G. C. M. A., 0
Nov. 11—	At Meridian .....	Clarke 0, A. & M. Reserves 0
Nov. 20—	At Newton .....	Clarke 0, Miss. Papoces 7
Nov. 26—	At Lumberton .....	Clarke 0, Poplarville 0

Total Points scored by Opponents.....26

Total Points scored by Panthers .....83

W. C. MILLS, Captain  
R. L. LAMBRIGHT, Coach

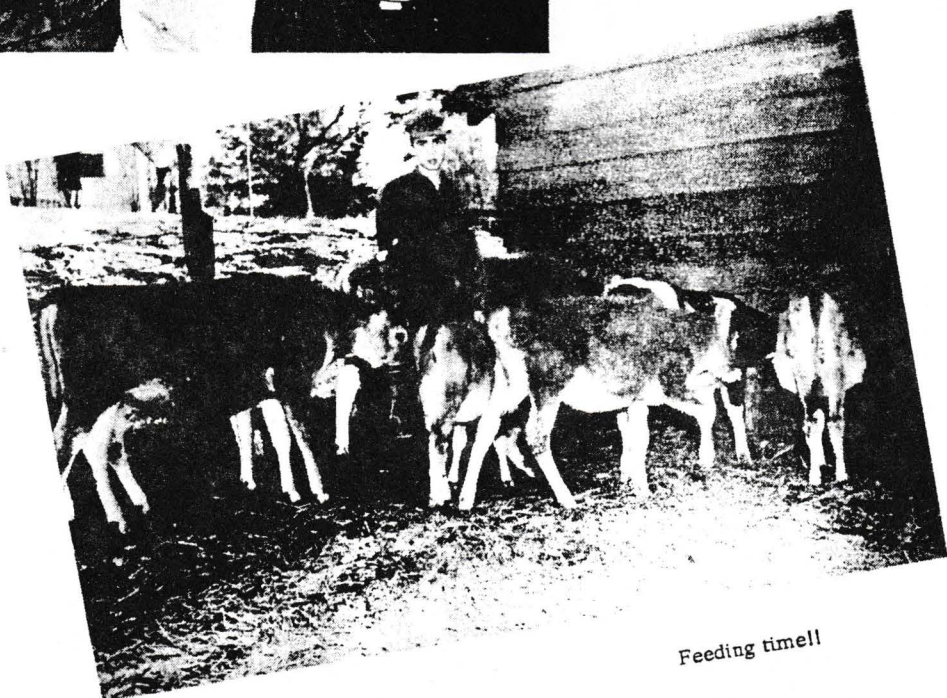
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Testing milk

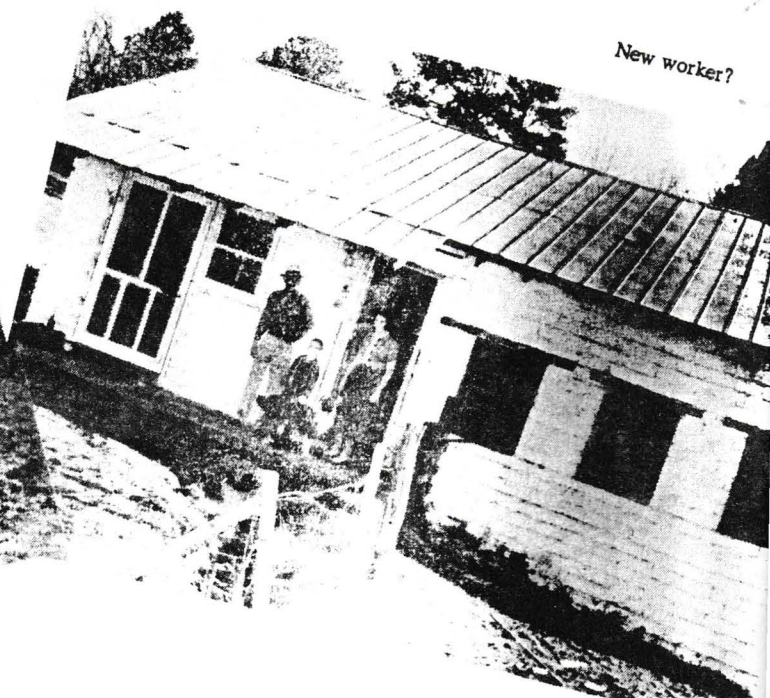
# The FARM



Feeding time!!

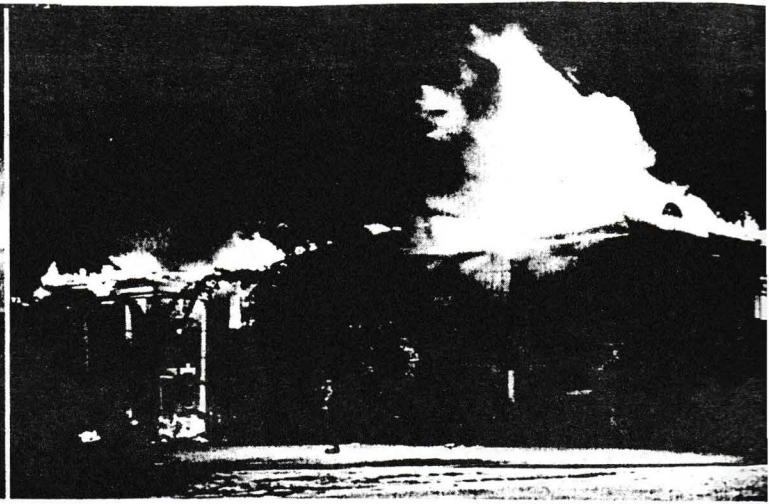


Is this the right way?

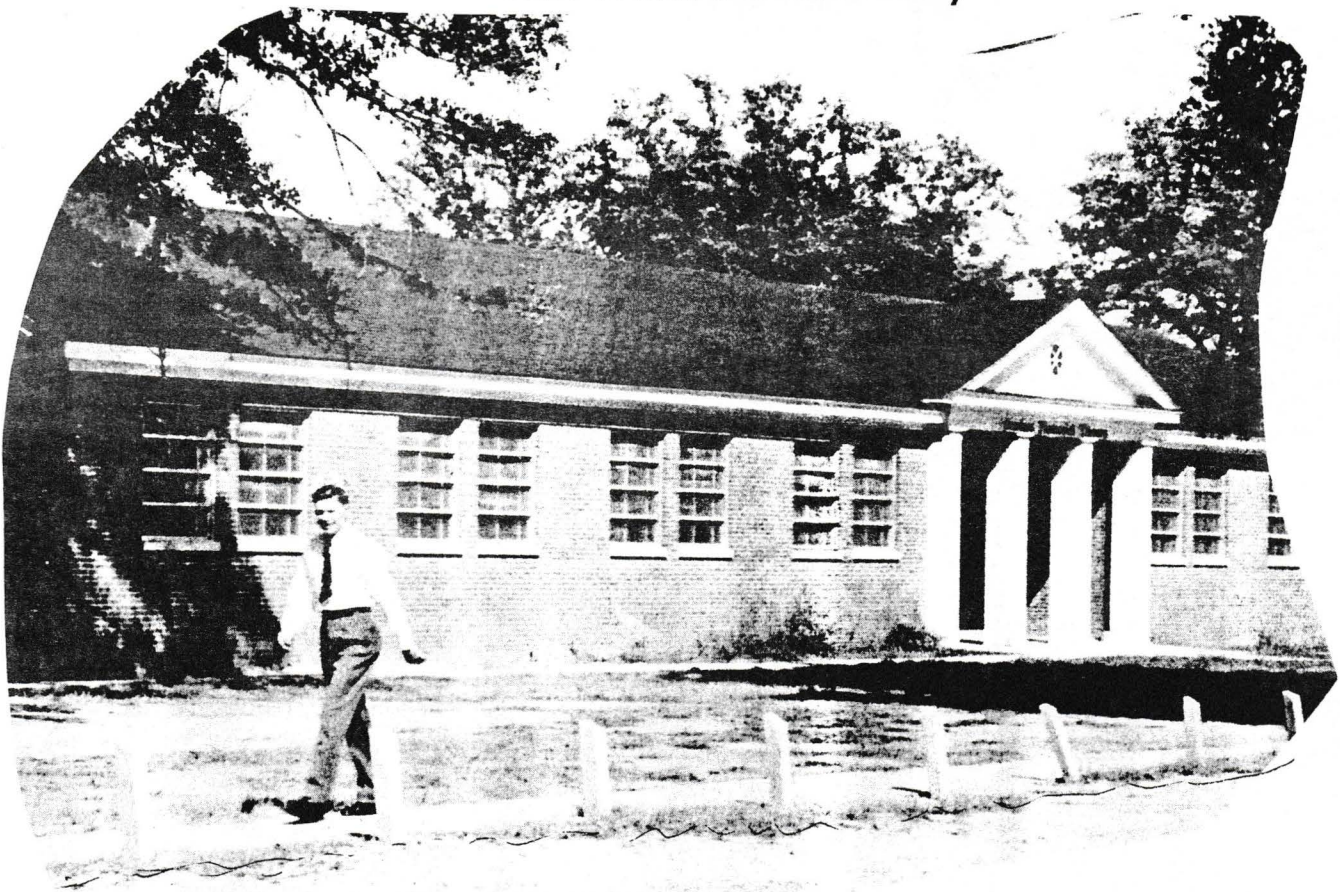


New worker?





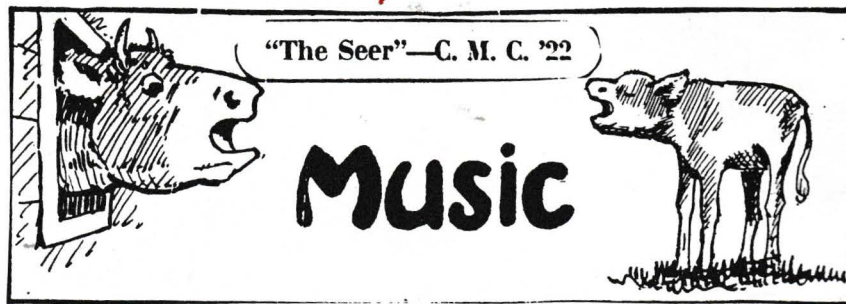
November 2, 1960  
The Men's Dormitory



## Our Latest Mark for Progress

As we, the students, watched the "Sanders Memorial Library" being built, we dreamed of the day when books would line the shelves. That dream came true one November day in this year of 1956. With this new building come wonderful thoughts of happy and enlightening experiences we shall share within its walls.





The Clarke College Singers presented Menotti's **AM AHL AND THE NIGHT VISITOR** at Christmas time under the direction of Mr. James B. McElroy, with Miss Juanita West as drama consultant.

Throughout the year the Singers represent the school in churches, schools, conventions, and at civic meetings in the state and in neighboring states. They appear on television and on tour.

## Alma Mat

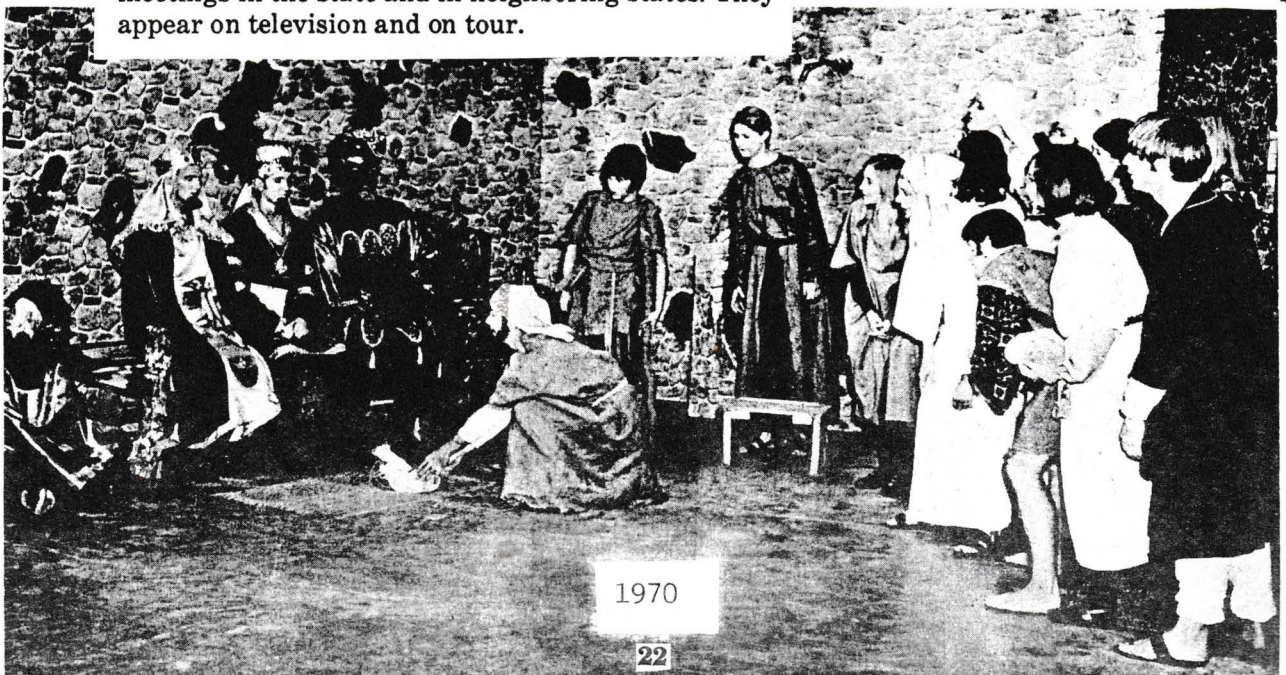
Fill the halls of dear old Clarke  
Shout till the rafters ring!  
Stand and sing a song once again  
Let every loyal Clarke man sing

We will sing to all the happy days  
Sing to our God and His ways  
Sing to Clarke, our Alma Mater  
The college of our hearts always

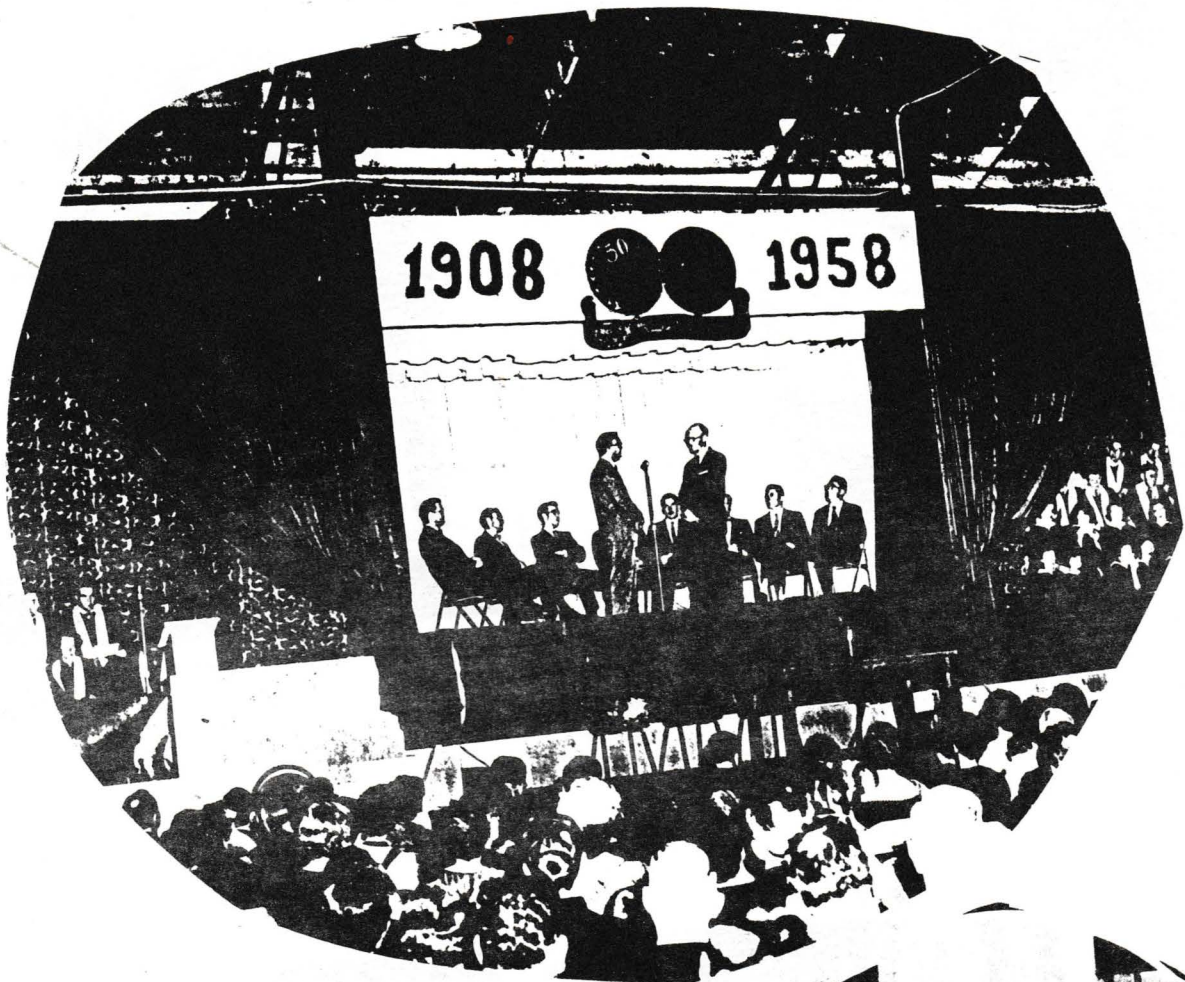
To the trees, to the sky, to the hills  
Hills that are yet encamping us  
To the youth, to the joy, to the life  
Life that is moving and calling

To the girls, to the boys, to the teachers  
Teachers that guide our destiny  
To the maroon and the white,  
And the panther teams that  
Refrain. . .

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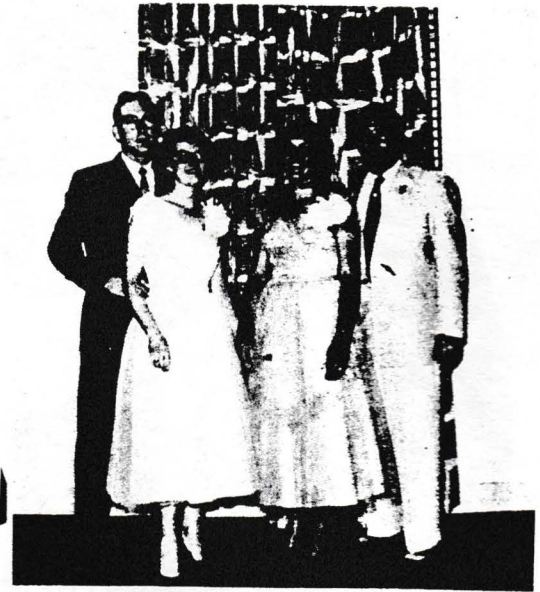




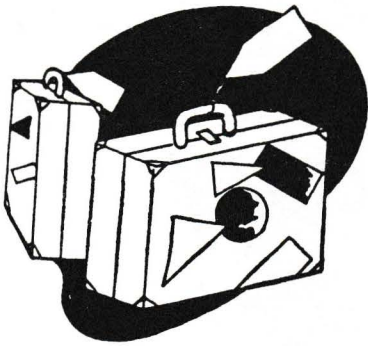




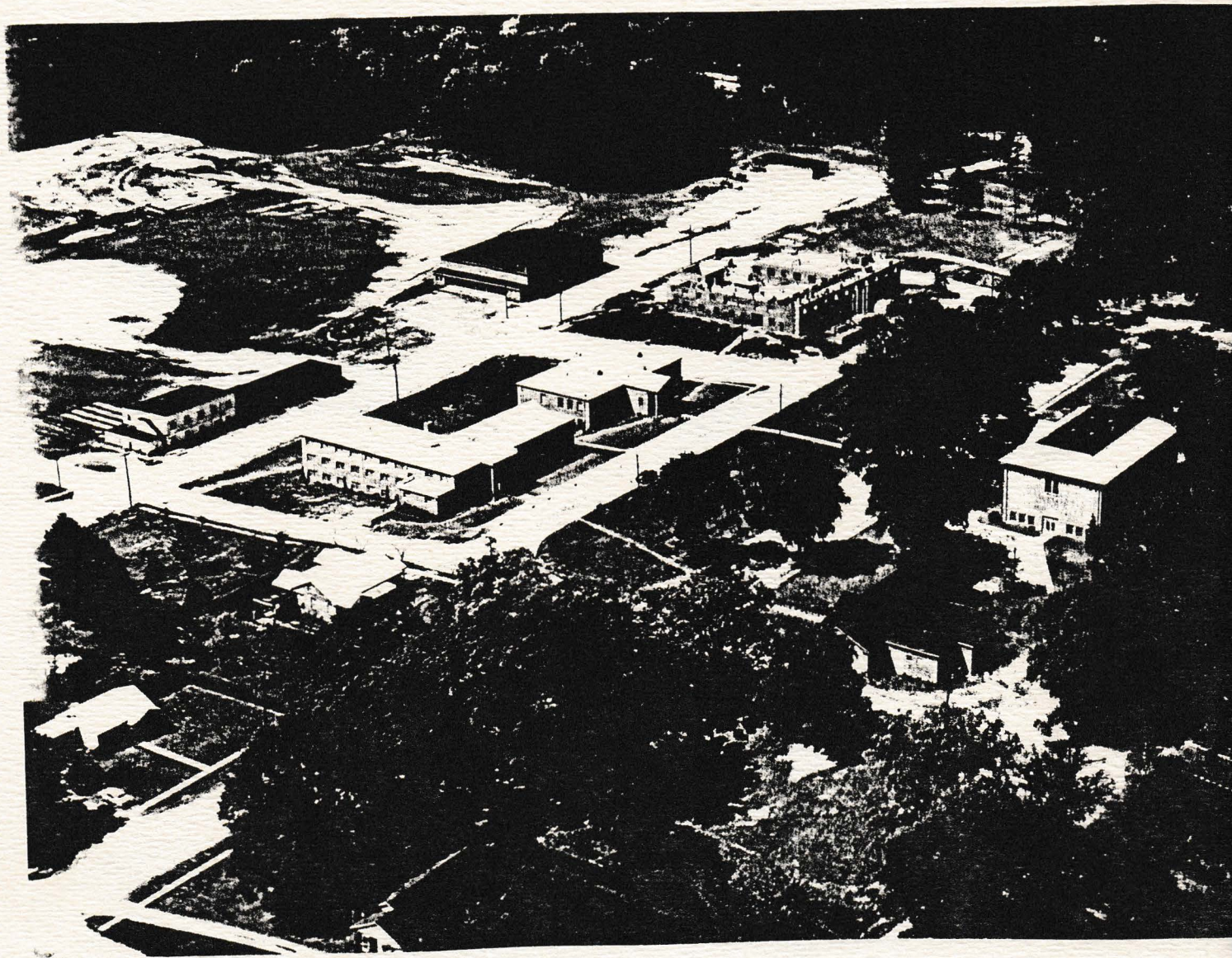
Arriving in New Orleans.  
BSU Mission Trip - 1954



Banquet dates. BSU Banquet - 1954







*A great place to be  
somebody!*

CLARKE COLLEGE